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In re Application of: )  
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Nick A. Van STRALEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2631  
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Application No.: 10/035,618 ) Examiner: Tran, Khanh C.  
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Filed: December 28, 2001 )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ) Confirmation No.: 3863  
TRACKING INVALID SIGNALS )  
THROUGH A DIGITAL SYSTEM )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

In the Office Action dated October 28, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,581,580 to Lindbom et al.; and indicated that claims 1-3, 4, and 9 are allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-3, 4, and 9. Claims 1-9 remain pending in this application. Applicants also thank the Examiner for speaking with Applicants' representative in the phone interview conducted on December 16, 2005. The following remarks are consistent with the issues discussed during the interview.